

Virginia Beach Area Local Human Rights Committee

Minutes

February 9, 2012

The quarterly meeting of the Virginia Beach Area Local Human Rights Committee was held on Thursday, February 9, 2012, in the conference room in Suite 305, Virginia Beach Dept. of Human Services, Pembroke Office Park, Virginia Beach, VA.

Members Present:

Michael Burke-Burke Family Care LLC
Linda "Trink" Dahl-Prince-LHRC
Crystal Ferrara-Virginia Beach DHS
Susan Henderson-Hope House Foundation
Dee Keenan-Virginia Beach DHS
Donna Kellam-Eastern Shore CSB
Pamela Little-Community Alternative's
Melissa Mason-Chesapeake CSB
Mary Meagher-LHRC
Shareem Owens-Eagles Nest LLC
Shaunna Robey-LHRC
Jane Sinnott-Virginia Beach DHS

Others Present:

Barbara James –Eastern Shore CSB
Cynthia Moore-U First, Inc.
Josie Person-U First, Inc.
Stewart Prost-OHR

Absent:

Robin Haverty-Hope House Foundation
Amy Morgan-Community Alternative's
Jonina Moskowitz-Virginia Beach DHS

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm.

Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made to move the approval of the Va. Beach variance to new business on the agenda.
Motion seconded and carried.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to adopt the November 22, 2011 minutes as corrected with some spelling of names and Va. Beach provider report "founded". Motion seconded and carried.

Public Comment

There was none.

Advocate Report

Mr. Prost stated that Nirisa Rose, a new staff has been hired, working out of the Williamsburg office. They are now fully staffed.

Mr. Prost stated as a reminder the quarterly and annual report was due January 15, 2012. January 1, 2012-March 31, 2012 is next report time frame. Reports are due by the 15th of the following month. Status of the Committee-another member to be appointed in March-Jason Mule. Another opening for consumer member. Ms. Meagher's position needs to be replaced in June. No one else is up for re-appointment.

Mr. Prost stated the settlement with the Department of Behavioral Healthcare and the Justice Department will have a statewide impact. Four of five training centers will close by 2020, SVTC-2014, NVTC-2015, SWVTC-2018, CVTC-2020. Southeastern Virginia Training Center will remain open. Cottages are being rebuilt for 75 people, and they may be able to occupy them in mid-March.

Mr. Prost stated there will be two trainings next year for committee members. Sites to be announced. Also, next year the OHR will try to have more site visits.

Mr. Prost stated, as a reminder, if there is a complaint talk to the individual or AR. Ask if they want formal/informal (and let him know). He will take the complaint, and the provider should explain formal/informal because advocate won't get into that level of detail with them.

The committee went into executive session for a next friend appointment (VA Code 2.2-3177A) at 6:30 pm. After reconvening at 6:35 pm, a motion was made and carried to approve DO's next friend appointment. Mr. Prost explained next friend.

Provider Reports

- CAI-no incidents of staff to client abuse, 2 neglect-peer to peer, 2 neglect-other, 2 neglect allegations were founded. No complaints.
- Burke Family Care-No incidents of abuse or complaints.
- Eeagles Nest-No incidents of abuse or complaints.
- ESCSB-no abuse allegations-3 complaints, 2 dignity, 1 services-2 informal, 1 formal-no violations in each case.
- Chesapeake CSB-3 abuse allegations- 1 verbal abuse, 2 neglect-1 neglect founded, 2 allegations unfounded. 1 complaint-informal-resolved.
- Hope House-6 abuse allegations-1 neglect-founded, 4 neglect-peer to peer-3 unfounded, 1 pending. No complaints.
- Virginia Beach DHS-3 abuse allegations-1 verbal-insufficient evidence, 2 neglect-founded. 2 complaints-both informal-1 complaint founded, 1 unfounded.
- Lifting As We Climb Community Services-not licensed.
- People Centered Place LLC-not licensed.

New Business

Cynthia Moore, with U First, stated it is an intensive in-home program for child and youth age 4-21, who are emotionally disturbed or at-risk of being emotionally disturbed. They offer intellectual crisis treatment, 24 hour emergency services, and case management coordination. Focus is keeping consumer from being taken from the home or transitioning back into home. Waiting for on-site review. The address is 3707 Virginia Beach Boulevard, Suite 213, Virginia Beach, VA 23452. Phone number is 757-498-1420. Mr. Prost explained the need for behavior management/intervention and program rules of conduct to be approved. Ms. Moore gave an overview of these and discussed changes made to handouts. Behavior Management page 53, references restraints, consent from the client, and LHRC. Page 54, second paragraph, added more language referencing consent. Mr. Prost has reviewed policies with the changes, nothing conflicts and the revised rules of conduct are fine. Ms. Meagher made a motion for the program and behavioral management plans and affiliation to be granted. Motion carried. Mr. Prost will let their licensure specialist know of this approval.

Ms. Keenan, Virginia Beach DHS, made a request for the Residential Crisis Stabilization Program to renew the variance granted in 2009 at the Recovery Center. The MH/SA variance allowed the program to restrict visitors and phone calls for health and safety reasons. The variance expired in October. She was reapplying for variance. She has sent information to LHRC and discussed. Mr. Prost stated the LHRC needs to recommend that the state HRC approve variance. A motion was made and passed.

Old Business

The next LHRC meeting is April 20, 2012, CAI, Virginia Beach, 9:00 am.

The committee went into executive session (VA Code 2.2-3177A) at 7:10 pm to review listed things on agenda and to hear Hope House, Va. Beach DHS, CAI, and Chesapeake CSB report.

Motion made to come out of executive session at 7:41 pm. Each member certified that to the best of their knowledge matters only lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such matters for the protection of the privacy of individuals and their records in personal matters not related to public business were heard, discussed, or considered. Motion to approve the modification to existing Behavior Support Plan. Ms. Robey made the motion, Ms. Meagher seconded and motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Robey, seconded by Ms. Meagher, and carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:42 pm.